

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROLETTE COUNTY DATE: 03/04/2025

The board convened at 10:00am, March 4th, 2025, members (present) Abrahamson, LaRocque, Zaste, Poitra with Commissioner Schlenvogt presiding

Phone attendance:

Members Not Present:

Also, present: Sheriff Nate Gustafson, Crystal Armstrong, Wendy Belgarde, Kelly Johnson

Motion by LaRocque, to accept agenda as is (Motion was rescinded)

Discussion: Mr. Schlenvogt requested to remove Kelly Johnson from agenda as the matter he is addressing to the board with is a civil issue and does not pertain to the board. Mr. Abrahamson state with not knowing what Mr. Johnson is concerned about he can not agree with disallowing Mr. Johnson on agenda. Mr. Schlenvogt stated the complaint has to do with matters that happened after hours not on county time and it is a civil complaint the commission would not act on.

Motion by Mr. Poitra to accept agenda with the removal of Kelly Johnson at 10:00am, Seconded by Mr. Zaste

On roll call vote, Mr. Abrahamson "No", Mr. Zaste "Yes", Mr. Poitra "Yes", Mr. LaRocque "No", Mr. Schlenvogt "yes" . Motion carried by majority.

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- Maintenance position time/clock between Jail/Court House

Discussion: Auditor Wuori stated this issue has been taken care of with a call to insurance. The concern was when Jaime did transports for the Sheriff if he needs to clock into the Sheriff's dept. as a correctional officer. Insurance stated as long as his certification I up to date with Sheriff office all is fine on how he is clocked in for work.

- NDSU Extension update-Krystal Armstrong

FYI:

Krystal updated the board on what she has been doing. Currently has books in for 2 road crew get certification with spraying. She will check on the rest of the crew to see when they need to renew. She is working on setting up a Community garden on the reservation with education on pesticides and myths associated. She went to a live stock summit in Fargo and weed conference in Bismarck. She did a pizza presentation at Rolla School.

- 6 Abatements-Tax Director-Wendy Belgarde

Motion by Mr. Abrahamson to accept all abatements as is, Seconded by Mr. Zaste

On roll call vote, all members voted, "AYE". Motion carried unanimously

- Auditor-Garden Gate Golf Course-Seasonal Liquor License

Motion Mr. Abrahamson to accept application for seasonal liquor license, Seconded by Mr. LaRocque

On roll call vote, all members voted, "AYE". Motion carried unanimously

- Road Supervisors

Discussion: Supervisor access to cameras at shop: Ross updated the board from the last meeting what the concern was with everyone have access to cameras at shops. Ross feels that only the supervisor of that area should have access. Ross also stated he has had talks with employees and feels this is leading to a hostile environment for the employees and feels that a supervisor for road crew should be hired. Mr. Abrahamson stated hiring a Road Supervisor has never been off the table the advertisement for one is still up on the web site and face book it is just not advertised in the local paper and when a qualified individual applies they will look at hiring but no one has currently applied. Mr. Abrahamson was not aware the access of the cameras and asked if County office has access to look. Auditor Wuori informed him they do not have access to see or be alerted. Mr. LaRocque stated he has access and gets alerts for the shops. In more discussion it was agreed the senior guy in the shop or one who lives closes to shop would have access for alerts and Chairman. Mr. Schlenvogt stated he would reach out to Russ Lund to switch the accesses.

Discussion: Mr. LaRocque started with the cost to County for gravel being hauled out. With the cost he was wondering if it would be more in favor for the County to purchase another truck/trailer for hauling. Mr. Abrahamson stated it was talked about in prior meeting to purchase. It was agreed for everyone to research to see if any are available and cost to set a pre-approved amount to purchase.

Discussion: Snow plow- Mr. LaRocque stated in the ST. John shop one of the vehicles with plow on it is hard to start and was wondering if they switch from the White truck to the black truck that is newer. If cost is less then \$1000 for wire harness it does not need to be brought to board.

Motion by Abrahamson to have the St. John shop switch the plow and install on newer truck, Seconded by Zaste

On roll call vote, all members voted "AYE". Motion carried unanimously

Discussion: John Deere Dozer: Mr. LaRocque presented a picture. Blade fell off due to lack of maintenance there was no grease and he stated if the parts were purchased Cody and Jerry will be able to fix. Mr. Abrahamson stated that everyone this spring needs to do maintenance on all the machines.

Discussion: Estimate from Magic City Garage Door Company for doors at Rolette and St. John shop for \$3474.15

Motion by Abrahamson to hire Minot City Garage Door Company for \$3474.15 (Motion rescinded)

Discussion: Mr. Schlenvogt would like the 2 broken up per shop and stated the has a bid for \$700 for Rolette with Prouty. Mr. Zaste stated he likes the thought of hiring local too. Mr. Abrahamson asked if Mr. Schlenvogt can check and get an estimate for St. John and if under \$1000 they do not need to bring to board.

- Kelly Johnson

Discussion: Mr. Schlenvogt informed Kelly he was removed from the agenda for his complaint as it is a civil matter. Kelly stated he has other issues to discuss about personal use of county vehicle. Mr. Poitra stated he believes Mr. Johnson needs to submit a letter in writing of the complaint and then the board will look at it for the next meeting.

Kelly will submit a letter and be added to the next board meeting

- Sheriff Report- Sheriff Gustafson

Discussion: Mr. Gustafson updated the board on the Stone Garden grant meeting went well and they are looking at making the area patrolled more. Stated they are very impressed with the Sheriff Dept.

Mr. Gustafson informed the board they are losing one of the contract deputies in Rolette. Mr. Poitra asked if he signed a 2-year agreement. Mr. Gustafson was not completely sure and will look into it. Over all Rolette and St. John have both been happy with contract.

Mr. Gustafson would like to take his 5% raise and give 2% of it to Christina Allard the Jail Administrator. He was informed his budget was finalized and it is up to him how he would like to disburse it.

Mr. Schlenvogt asked if they have anything in place in his department for longevity (Pins, Picture, Certificate) Mr. Gustafson stated no but he likes that idea. Mr. Poitra asked if they thought anymore of fund raising to raise more funds for his department. Mr. Gustafson stated not currently but it is something he can look at.

- Minutes for 2/20 and 2/25

Motion Abrahamson to accept, Seconded by Zaste

On roll call vote, all members voted "AYE". Motion carried unanimously

- Current Bills

Motion by Abrahamson to accept all bills, Seconded by LaRocque

On roll call vote, all members voted "AYE". Motion carried unanimously

FYI: Mr. Schlenvogt stated the pick up they got that needed a new motor only needs a head gasket and it currently is getting fixed

Meeting adjourned.

unanimously approved by the board.

Meeting adjourned.

Allen Schlenvogt
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Rolette County, North Dakota

ATTEST

Kimberly Wuori
Rolette County Auditor